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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: SECVIT - ARRIVAL STATEMENT IN AMMAN

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT BY SECRETARY
KISSINGER UPON HIS ARRIVAL AT AMMAN AIRPORT MAY 5.

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

I SIMPLY WANTED TO SAY THAT IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT JOY TO BE BACK
WITH OUR FRIENDS IN JORDAN. I LOOK FORWARD TO TALKING
WITH HIS MAJESTY, WITH THE PRIME MINISTER, AND TO BRING
THEM UP TO DATE ON THE WHOLE RANGE OF OUR NEGOTIATIONS,
AND WE WILL DISCUSS THE PROCESS OF PEACE-MAKING IN THE
MIDDLE EAST, AND THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE. WE WILL
ALSO DISCUSS RELATIONSHIPS, BILATERAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN
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THE UNITED STATES AND JORDAN WHICH ARE EXCELLENT, AND TO

SEE HOW WE CAN STRENGTHEN THEM EVEN FURTHER. AND I NEED
NOT ADD THAT I KNOW THE TALKS COULD BE CONDUCTED IN AN
ATMOSPHERE OF FRIENDSHIP AND WARMTH AND THE HOSPITALITY
WITH WHICH WE HAVE COME TO ASSOCIATE WITH JORDAN.

QUESTION: SIR DO YOU THINK JORDAN CAN HELP YOU IN YOUR TALKS
WITH THE SYRIANS?

ANSWER: WE WILL REVIEW THE WHOLE SITUATION AND WE WILL SEE
WHAT JORDAN CAN DO.

QUESTION? ARE YOU OPTIMISTIC ABOUT YOUR NEGOTIATIONS WITH
THE SYRIANS AND ISRAELIS?

ANSWER: I AM ALWAYS OPTIMISTIC."

PRIME MINISTER ZAID RIFAI MADE NO STATEMENT.
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